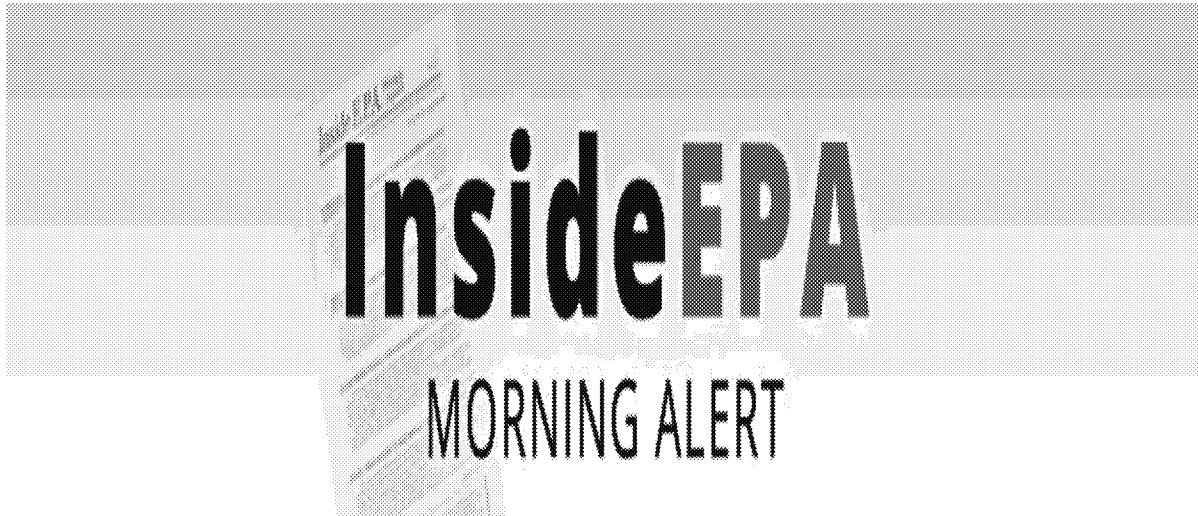


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##### **Parties Trade Extremist Accusations During Senate Green New Deal Vote**

The Senate's unanimous rejection of the Green New Deal (GND) climate change resolution – with nearly all Democrats protesting the vote – is highlighting a larger battle in which each of the two parties is seeking to define itself as in the political mainstream, while dismissing the other side as fundamentally extremist.

##### **CASAC Research Scientist Attacks Panel Chairman's NAAQS Review Shift**

Mark Frampton, the sole research scientist on EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory committee (CASAC), is lambasting panel Chairman Tony Cox's controversial new approach to assessing air pollution science for reviewing the agency's particulate matter (PM) air standards, saying it undermines and misstates the latest data on PM.

##### **Stakeholders Draw Battle Lines Over TSCA, IRIS Programs On Hearing's Eve**

The House science committee is holding a March 27 hearing that is expected to highlight major stakeholder divisions on whether EPA's embattled Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program or the agency's emerging toxics program should play the lead role assessing chemical risks.

##### **EPA Critique Of Missouri Ash Program Previews Bar For State Permit Rules**

EPA is taking the rare step of publicly criticizing Missouri's draft coal ash disposal rules for failing to meet the standard of protection required by the agency's Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) ash rule, previewing the bar that EPA will set for states to win approval of their programs to comply with the rule's mandates.

## California Faces Fight Over First-Time Universal Waste Rule For Solar Panels

Entities that produce, install, manage and recycle solar photovoltaic (PV) panels say California's first-time proposed universal waste (UW) rules for the panels do not address practical issues or offer enough flexibility, setting up a fight in the coming months as the state prepares to submit the streamlined requirements to U.S. EPA for approval.

## Judge's Rejection Of New CWA Rule Injunction Prolongs Policy 'Patchwork'

A federal district judge has rejected two GOP-led states' request to block enforcement of the Obama-era Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule within their borders, prolonging a nationwide "patchwork" of CWA standards that has led to fights in courts and Congress over how to apply the law until EPA repeals and replaces the 2015 rule.

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#### Senate supplemental bill would give EPA \$414 million for disaster work

The GOP-backed Senate bill would support EPA's work addressing impacts from hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes as well as other disasters, but Democrats say it underfunds disaster relief in Puerto Rico.

#### Environmentalists threaten suit to force oil spill rule update

Environmentalists say EPA's rules, which have not been revised since 1994, need to be updated due to increased spill risks from Trump administration plans to open vast coastal areas to oil and gas drilling.

#### Court sets May 1 argument for EPA air permit policy shift

The D.C. Circuit will hear May 1 oral arguments in a case challenging a landmark policy shift by the Trump EPA barring "second guessing" of state air permits.

#### Ewire: With 'Green' deal vote, climate debate takes over Hill

In today's Ewire: Senators are scheduled to vote today on the Green New Deal resolution, while lawmakers across the Capitol are floating an array of climate-related measures.

#### Trump taps acting regulatory czar

President Donald Trump earlier this month appointed White House Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs official Paul Ray to head the office in an acting capacity.

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